

State Vegetable, Melon Crops Up 10 Percent

SACRAMENTO, (UP)—California's vegetable and melon crop for 1940 was valued at \$91,052,000, an increase of \$8,350,000, or 10 per cent over last year's figure of \$82,702,000, well above the average of the past five years of \$81,950,000, the California cooperative crop reporting service announced today.

The most valuable vegetable crop in California continued to be lettuce, representing \$20,630,000 or about 23 per cent of the total.

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First Housing Block to Start by New Firm

Construction of the first block of ten moderate priced homes to be erected on vacant property acquired in the Dominguez Land Corporation liquidation are to be started at once, according to Clarence Birney, who with his associate, Arthur A. Helwig of Chicago, last week announced the purchase of all remaining real estate owned by Dominguez Land, original subdividers of Torrance.

Scattered lots, dotted throughout the residential and business district will be offered at great reduced prices in order to clean them up, Birney states, as he intends to concentrate on marketing the larger blocks of vacant property by the erection of houses in groups, thus effecting building economies.

Approximately 600 building lots will be available for development as soon as the pieces now in acreage are subdivided. An office building will be erected near the center of the new home development, Birney states, from which headquarters he will operate his sales office.

Not In His Eight Mind The report that apes have been trained to toss hand-grenades for a coming assault on Gibraltar, is denied. You can't make a monkey out of an intelligent ape.

A survey made at the University of Toledo shows the average college student reads 24.8 books each year.

The estimated demand for American oil in 1940 was 1,459,000,000 barrels, including a domestic demand of 1,311,000,000 and an export demand of 128,000,000.

—Want Ads 25c—

Bank of America Report Reveals Healthy Status

Bank of America's year end statement of condition, appearing elsewhere in this issue, is of particular interest to this community because it reflects the healthy condition of business in this area, according to Dean L. Searr, manager of the Bank of America branch here.

"A specific indication of the great usefulness of the bank to our state is shown in the statement by the huge amount of money at work for business and for individuals, emerging in industry and agriculture and stimulating trade and employment here and elsewhere in California. Our branch is proud to have an important part in this activity.

"These new history-making accomplishments of Bank of America prove that our efforts to serve the needs of the community and surrounding area are meeting with wide approval," he concluded.

As of Dec. 31, 1940, Bank of America deposits total \$1,632,228,000, an increase of \$149,435,000 during the year. Total resources stood at \$1,817,535,000, a gain of \$188,948,000 in the same period.

The aggregate of loans and discounts outstanding was \$778,295,000, which is \$67,240,000 more than a year ago. Cash and bonds amounted to \$977,032,000, an increase of \$124,497,000.

With the \$30,000,000 of preferred stock subscribed by stockholders on June 10, 1940, capital funds, including capital surplus, undivided profits and reserves, now total \$158,337,000, an increase of \$37,484,000 during the year. This total includes the unallocated reserve of \$6,900,000 which was set up on June 10, 1940, out of previously accumulated undivided profits. Earnings for the year were \$29,007,000, the largest for any one year in the history of the bank.

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'Pygmy' Scouting Truck: Army's Newest Weapon



There's speed and action plenty (as will be noted from cap about to leave one soldier's head) in this four-wheel-drive "pygmy" reconnaissance truck built for U. S. Army by Ford Motor Co.—the Army's newest weapon. So small two or three can be carried in a bombing plane, the midge truck can travel 60 m. p. h. Army is getting 1500 of them.

Torrance Hi News Notes

By ELIZABETH FISH

FESTIVE OCCASION... the traditional Senior Tea was held this afternoon in the Torrance high school library. The tea is given just before graduation by the senior B's for the senior A's. Approximately 80 people attended and, because it was an informal, everyone had a grand time chatting and mincing at the delicious refreshments.

Soft music was contributed by Mr. Sauter and a few students, which made a delightful atmosphere along with gorgeous decorations. Numerous potted palms were placed around the room with a large bouquet of yellow snapdragons at the head table with a candle on either side. Those to whom we owe thanks for the unique decorations are: Marjorie Rusk, Eugene Shaner, Clifford Powell, Beverly Friberg and Lucy Briggant.

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People and what they are doing...

Recent house guests of the W. R. Lees were Mrs. R. E. Lee and daughters Ruth and Louellen and Junior Hutton all of Selma.

D. A. (Spud) Murphy returned to work Monday following an injury to his foot suffered last week.

Weekend guests of the Forrest McKinleys were Mr. and Mrs. George Witt and Mr. and Mrs. Buford Clement of San Jon, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Edwards left Sunday to make their home in Santa Maria where Edwards has accepted a position.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Murphy were dinner guests Saturday at the Walnut Park home of the Jay Ahens, former Torrance residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rhone accompanied by the L. K. Goulds of Alhambra enjoyed dinner Tuesday evening at new China town.

Dr. Frederick Shilder of the Stanford University Hospital staff will arrive here Saturday for a ten day vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Koch are spending this week at Gilman Hot Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Swift Berry of Camino, Calif., were guests last week-end of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Whyte.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. York have had as their house guests for the past two weeks Col. and Mrs. E. C. Alley who are stationed at the Presidio in San Francisco. Mrs. York and Mrs. Alley are sisters. The L. J. Logerlys of Portsmouth, Ohio, have also been guests of the Yorks during the past week.

grand job in attending... We are glad to hear that Francis Waddingham is recovering from a recent operation and is expected back very soon.

Recent house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sana at their home, 1511 Amopala, were Mr. and Mrs. George Mixer and daughter from Arlington, Calif.



Inspiration for this pastel wool dress was drawn from the outfits worn by cowboys at rodeos. Pictured in the January Good Housekeeping, it has pearl-stud snap buttons, deep three-button cuffs in true cowboy style.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dawson of Plaza Del Amo returned this week from Taft where they spent the holidays. They were accompanied by Mrs. Lulu Bradford who will be their guest for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Walker, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Middleton, visited Sunday at the Harvey Wagner home in Elsinore where they renewed acquaintance with the Frank Wagner family recently returned from Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burgan have returned to their home in Walteria following an absence of two months while Burgan was employed in the north. He has been transferred to his former job in the oil fields here.

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Kipper Snacks... 5c
Ivory Laundry Soap... 5c

See What You Get For Only

- Del Maiz Niblets... 10c
Sultana Tuna Flakes... 10c
Plain Gelatin... 10c
Salad Dressing... 10c
Macaroni Dinner... 10c
Del Monte Corn... 10c
Tomatoes... 10c
Herring... 10c
Oysters... 10c
Gelatin... 10c
Grape Juice... 10c
Pickles... 10c
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